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TOPIC Military Information from Rudolstadt

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REFERENCES

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REMARKS

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1. The units in the two barracks installations in Rudolstadt were subordinate to a headquarters which was quartered in the Prinz Eugen Kaserne up to July 1952 and since then has been quartered in the Flak Kaserne. Commanding officer of this headquarters was Major General Komarov (fnu) who was described as about 180 cm tall. Lieutenant Colonel Maslonov (fnu) served as political-officer with the headquarters and as deputy to the general. The headquarters was affiliated with the headquarters in Jena and Zeitz. Its hospital was located in Erfurt; it had Major (Med) Zukhov (fnu) and Lieutenant Zhukov (fnu) as assigned officers.¹

2. The Prinz Eugen Kaserne was occupied by an artillery regiment with headquarters units in platoon strength up to 13 December. These headquarters units included a signal, a motor transport and a medical unit. Source thought that the regiment was organized into 10 batteries. Its officers included 2 colonels, 4 lieutenant colonels, about 11 majors, about 11 captains, and 20 to 30 senior lieutenants and lieutenants. The personnel numbered about 1,500 soldiers who wore red-bordered black epaulets including some with artillery signal, motor transport and medical insignia. [REDACTED] included: Colonel Andreyenko (fnu), commanding officer of the unit, whose dependents lived in Moscow and who went to the U.S.S.R. between 8 and 13 December; Colonel Radionov (fnu) who served as political-officer of the unit and had his dependents in Kiev; Lieutenant Colonel Tsienlak (fnu) who was promoted to his present rank in June 1952, served as deputy commander and, source thought, was also the town commander in Rudolstadt; Lieutenant Colonel Otsundarov (fnu), chief of the personnel cadre section; Major Tsuye (fnu), chief of staff, who went to the U.S.S.R. with Colonel Andreyenko; Major Zukhov (fnu) who served as medical officer; Captain Korshunov (fnu), supply officer, who was transferred from Zeitz to Rudolstadt in September; Captain Zhadanov (fnu) who served as paymaster; Senior Lieutenant Yakovlev (fnu) who wore tank insignia, was the only tank officer and served as tank instructor; Senior Lieutenant Bobko (fnu) who was chief of the motor transport unit; and Major Mikhael Maladionkov, who was medical officer and surgeon and was stationed in Ohrdruf and stated that he would soon be transferred to Rudolstadt. Source [REDACTED] depending on the arrival of replacements, about 50 percent of the personnel would soon be sent to the U.S.S.R.

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A sedan, 76.2-mm guns and 40 to 50 trucks were at the installation. If more sedans were needed they were requisitioned from the driver school at the Flak Kaserne. The infirmary gave medical treatment to minor cases; serious cases were sent to the hospital in Erfurt. On 30 April, elements of the unit moved to the Wustrow troop training grounds by rail; they returned on 8 June. Other elements probably were in Ohrdruf.

3. The Prinz Eugen Kaserne housed Depot No 21 which was identical to a PX for officers and personnel and was under the control of the Soviet trade department. German cooperatives supplied five percent of the turnover. The headquarters for these depots in East Germany was in Berlin-Teltow. Their assignments paralleled that of the troops. The office of the Chief of the Soviet Trade Departments at the Soviet headquarters in Weimar-Nohra was responsible for all depots in the area of Thuringia. Lieutenant Colonel Karasev (fnu) of this office was known to source; he probably served as office chief. Subordinate to this office was the Chief of Central Supply 7 with the Soviet Trade Department in Weimar which was located at the slaughterhouse near the freight station. The chief of this office served Captain Demus (fnu) who was responsible for the areas of Ohrdruf, Jena, Eisenach, Rudolstadt, Crawinkel, and Altenburg. He was superior to Captain Yevseyev (fnu), chief of Soviet Trade Department 4 on Arnstaedter Strasse, Ohrdruf, who controlled the depots in Ohrdruf, Suhl, Meiningen, and Plauen. The latter depot was the largest and had a monthly turnover of 3,500,000 eastmarks. Chief of another Soviet Trade Department in Jena was Major Paramanov (fnu) who was responsible for the area of Rudolstadt, Jena, Crawinkel, and others. He also controlled depots which went along with the troops to the training grounds in summer, e.g. Wustrow.
4. Prior to 13 December, the Flak Kaserne was occupied by soldiers wearing black-bordered crimson epaulets and red-bordered black epaulets, mostly with motor transport insignia except for a small number of artillery, tank, and signal insignia. The installation also housed a driving school.

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1. Comment. The headquarters mentioned by source is the headquarters of the XXVIII Gds Mtz Rifle Corps. [redacted] indicated that the command element of the headquarters is located in the revenue office on Schwarzbürger Strasse which also houses an office of the Wismut Corporation. It is believed that the other elements of the headquarters as well as the 53d Signal Bn (US) and the 880th Engr Bn of the headquarters units and a motor transport unit with driving school are located in the barracks installation on Schallauer Strasse. The engineer battalion has, however, only been in the Templin area since the summer of 1952.

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Major General Komarov possibly is Major General Vladimir Nikolayevich Komarev who, in 1946, was commanding officer of the 13th Gds Mecz Div in Austria and, in 1948, was commanding officer of the 2d Gds Rifle Taman Div in Moscow.

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2. Comment. [REDACTED] of the 497 AAA Regt (US) of the XXVIII Gds Mtz Rifle Corps which, according to reports by other sources, was carried in the Prinz Eugen Kaserne. Shipments to Wustrow in April and from Wustrow to Ohrdruf in June 1952 were confirmed by transportation records. [REDACTED]

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[REDACTED]. Available information on the officers mentioned indicated that Colonel Andreyenko was regimental commander and Captain Korshunov was guards senior lieutenant and intendance officer of the 154th Signal Bn of the 39th Gds Mtz Rifle Div in Rudolstadt in 1949. Colonel Radionov (fnu) probably is identical with a political-officer who was repeatedly reported stationed in Saxony during the period from 1946 to 1949.

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3. Comment. According to [REDACTED] found on a Soviet document, depot No 21 is the trade department of the 497th AAA Regt (US). The information on Lieutenant Colonel Karasev as chief of the trade department of the Eighth Guards Army in Weimar-Nohra checks with available records. Trade Department 4 in Ohrdruf belongs to the 39th Gds Mtz Rifle Div.

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